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SUBJECT: PANAMA PLANK IN THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PANAMA PLANK AS APPROVED BY THE RE-
PLICAN CONVENTION LAST NIGHT:

BEGIN QUOTE THE PRESENT PANAMA CANAL TREATY PROVIDES THAT
THE UNITED STATES HAS JURISDICTIONAL RIGHTS IN THE CANAL
ZONE AS "IF IT WERE THE SOVEREIGN." THE UNITED STATES IN-
TENDS THAT THE PANAMA CANAL BE PRESERVED AS AN INTERNA-
TIONAL WATERWAY FOR THE SHIPS OF ALL NATIONS. THIS SECURE
ACCESS IS ENHANCED BY A RELATIONSHIP WHICH COMMANDS THE
RESPECT OF AMERICANS AND PANAMANIAN AND BENEFITS THE
PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IN ANY TALKS WITH PANAMA, HOW-
EVER, THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATORS SHOULD IN NO WAY CEDE,
DILUTE, FORFEIT, NEGOTIATE OR TRANSFER ANY RIGHTS, POWER,
AUTHORITY, JURISDICTION, TERRITORY OR PROPERTY THAT ARE
NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION AND SECURITY OF THE UNITED
STATES AND THE ENTIRE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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